

His career began in the 1960s as a police officer in Los Gatos, California. After years of working in California, he moved to Colorado to work with the Lakewood Police Department.

It was at this job that Montgomery encountered what he considers his most memorable and difficult case.

"I haven't forgotten about Leeora Rose after all these years," Montgomery said.

Leeora Rose was a 20-year-old waitress at a Lakewood doughnut shop who disappeared on Aug. 20, 1971. Police found her raped and killed three days after her disappearance.

Montgomery said after months of investigations, a single fingerprint on a coffee cup left behind by a suspect solved the case. The fingerprint matched that of a man named Carl Taylor. After his arrest, he and his partner in crime, Sherman McCray, admitted to 15 homicides across the United States. They were sentenced to life in prison.

Montgomery said as far as he knows, Taylor is still in prison, and McCray committed suicide in 1988.

"I didn't like the carnage left behind by criminals, so I decided to do something about it," said Montgomery on why he chose a career in law enforcement. "That was my calling."

Montgomery said as he continued his police work in Westminster, he knew that he wanted to be a chief that supported officers.

"My motto is support me and I'll support you," said Montgomery, adding that he doesn't mean blindly agreeing with everything his officers do but supporting them when it's needed.

Birk said Montgomery was an excellent chief to work with at the department.

"Dan has been a great role model and mentor," said Birk, adding that Montgomery's leadership has set him in the right direction to take over as police chief.

Public support for police officers is one thing Montgomery said was his career highlight along with the passage of the public safety tax in 2003. Montgomery said the fact that City Council and residents voted to pass the ballot issue was integral to the operation of the police department.

"It's my crowning moment of glory," Montgomery said. "It really was a team effort, and I don't know where we would be if it hadn't passed."

Montgomery said he knows the police department will be left in good hands with Birk replacing him and the public safety tax in place.

In his spare time, Montgomery plans to golf and spend time with his family.

What Montgomery said he would miss the most is the relationships he has created with city staff and members of the police department.

He will also miss fighting crime.

"I'm going to miss putting punks, perverts and predators in jail," Montgomery said.

RECOGNIZING INDEPENDENCE,
MISSOURI SCHOOL DISTRICT
"COMMUNITY SCHOOLS' NATIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE"

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize the outstanding achieve-

ment of the Independence, Missouri school district on winning the Coalition for Community Schools' Award for Excellence.

Every year the Coalition for Community Schools honors communities and schools that are dedicated to the goal of the Coalition of bringing together the expertise of schools and their communities to help students succeed. Independence, Missouri is being recognized this year for their outstanding core principles. They are result-oriented, address real student and family needs, and engage students and school and community leaders.

The Coalition for Community Schools will honor Independence along with 2 other communities and 3 schools with a breakfast on Capitol Hill on June 14th.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking the members of Independence, Missouri. Their dedication to the education of our youth is a credit to our Nation, and I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress.

TRIBUTE TO STERLING
INTERNATIONAL, INC.

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sterling International Incorporated for celebrating 25 years in business. Since inception, the core focus of Sterling's business has been to build and sell highly effective and environmentally responsible pest control products that are safe for the consumer, easy to use, and reasonably priced. In the past 25 years, Sterling has steadily grown its business and is the leader in its market niche.

Company founder and President Rod Schneidmiller developed Sterling's first product, a reusable fly trap, by experimenting in his kitchen and later began selling it throughout eastern Washington in 1982. Ace Hardware was the first retailer to buy Sterling's product on a national level in the mid-1980s, which resulted in a huge breakthrough in awareness and acceptance of the insect trap category. Today, Mr. Schneidmiller's innovations include a disposable trap for flies and a reusable trap for yellow jackets.

Twenty-five years after the company's humble start, Sterling International sells its line of fly traps, along with yellow jacket and Japanese Beetle traps, throughout the U.S. in retailers such as Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowe's, Ace Hardware and True Value Hardware. The company also distributes its product internationally, to customers in Europe, Asia, South America, Australia, Africa and the Middle East.

With a world-class insect research laboratory as part of its headquarters in Spokane, Washington, Sterling will soon release even more ground-breaking consumer products that will make pest control smarter.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Rod Schneidmiller and Sterling International Incorporated for their outstanding accomplishments. I invite my colleagues to join

me in celebrating 25 years of service from Mr. Schneidmiller and Sterling International Incorporated.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the reason I missed rollcall vote No. 453 on June 12, 2007.

If present, I would have voted: rollcall vote No. 453, Crowley Amendment on Homeland Security Appropriations to increase terrorism prevention funding in urban areas by \$50 million and decrease funding for the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management by \$15 million and the Office of the Under Secretary of Management by \$35 million, "nay."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, from 6:00 p.m. until the end of the legislative day, I traveled home due to an unexpected medical condition of a family member. As a result, I missed a number of votes. Had I been present, I would have voted the following:

"No" on the Crowley Amendment No. 21 to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 453).

"Aye" on the Campbell (CA) Amendment No. 43 to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 454).

"Aye" on the Reichert Amendment to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 455).

"Aye" on the King (IA) Amendment to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 456).

"Aye" on the Lamborn Amendment to H.R. 2638, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Rollcall 457).

"Aye" on the motion that the committee rise (Rollcall 458).

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"Aye" on the motion that the committee rise (Rollcall 461).

"Aye" on the motion that the committee rise (Rollcall 462).

"Aye" on the motion that the committee rise (Rollcall 463).

"Aye" on the motion that the committee rise (Rollcall 464).

"Aye" on the motion that the committee rise (Rollcall 465).